COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

(Official Report.)

LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF 1102.

Saturday, the $\frac{\textit{9th of April 1927.}}{\textit{27th of Meenam 1102.}}$

The Council met at 11-30 a. m. on Saturday, the last day of the Meenam sitting, the Diwan presiding. All the Members except Messrs. Lonappan Chakkola, S. S. Koder, K. Krishna Menon, Poulo Mampilli, P. Munda Vaidyan, J. T. Murray, A. R. Menon, A. B. Salem, A. Sankara Puduval and A. K. Thoma were present.

Questions and Answers.

Subscriptions collected for religious functions.

492. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—(1) Will the Government be pleased to state whether any of the officers of the State have been required to collect subscriptions for any religious functions in the State in 1101 and 1102;

(2) if answer to question No. 1 is in the affirmative, will the Government kindly give particulars regarding;

(a) the officers that have been required to collect subscriptions in 1101 and 1102;

(b) the officers that have collected subscriptions in 1101 and 1102;

(c) the orders that required the collection of subscriptions referred to in (a) with the names of the officers that issued the orders in 1101 and 1102;

(d) the amounts that have been collected under the orders in (c) in 1101 and 1102;

(e) the religious functions for which the amounts were ordered to be collected in 1101 and 1102?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(1) Government have not required any of their officers to collect subscriptions for any religious functions in the State in 1101 and 1102. E. Sankara Menon, the Head Shroff of the Cochin-Kanayannur Treasury, was, in accordance with a longstanding practice, deputed to collect subscriptions and arrange for fire-works on the occasion of the *Arattu* festival in the Ernakulam temple.

(2) (a) Vide answer to 1 above.

(b) Vide answer to 1 above

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(c) A copy of the orders is placed on the table. (*Vide Appendix I.*) These were issued by order of the Diwan.

(d) The amount collected in 1101 came to Rs. 1,335-2-10; in 1102 it amounts now to Rs. 1,198-1-3.

(e) Vide answer to 1 above.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Are there any special orders for this deputation which was in connection with the endorsement made by the Secretary?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—When it was found that he could attend to this work without prejudice to his own duties, in the treasury he was deputed for one month.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—My question is whether any officer had been deputed. I referred to the appendix. That is a letter from the Commissioner. I wish to know whether there is any order deputing anybody.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—He used to attend to this work for the last so many years. No other orders were necessary. He used to do the work.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—These are reasons. I want to know whether there was any specific order issued to him to be on deputation for this work.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—There was a specific order sanctioning his deputation and placing him on deputation.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—When was that order passed?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—That order is dated 26th February 1927.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know what is that order?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—"Mr. E. Sankara Menon, Head shroff of the Cochin-Kanayannur Treasury, will be considered to be on special deputation for the period of 6th Dhanu 1102 to 6th Makaram 1102, both days inclusive".

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—That is after the event. Is there any order before his deputation? This order is after he did his work as officer on deputation. Was there any order appointing him to be on deputation before he actually did his work?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—There was no specific order.

493. Mr. M. K. Raman.—Will the Government be pleased to answer the following:—

did the Government authorise any officer in the Taluk Office, Ernakulam, for the purpose of collecting subscriptions from the public towards the expenses of the *utsavam* and fire-works of Ernakulam temple; are the Government aware that one of the staff of Ernakulam Taluk Office was collecting such subscriptions for the recent *utsavam* and fire-works; for how many days, if any, was he out of office on this duty:

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APPENDIX I.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 492.)

Letter dated 25th October 1926, C. No. 1010/1102, from the Devaswam Commissioner.

I have the honour to state that the *Utsavam* in the Ernakulam temple commences on the 25th Dhanu and closes on the 3rd Makaram next and to request that you will be so good as to arrange for the usual display of fire-works on the *Arattu* day as in previous years.

2. Orders will be issued to the Trippunittura Group Inspector to place the Pathivu allotment for fire-works at your disposal on requisition.

Endorsement on C. No.1009 of 1102.

Communicated to the Head Shroff Sankara Menon for information.

Office of the Diwan of Cochin,
Local and Miscellaneous Department,
16th November 1926.
1st Vrischigam 1102.

(By order)

A. K. VENGU AYYAR,

Secretary to the Diwan.

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